

Present Tense: give

I give gifts to my daughter.

Mother gives me money.

We give the children milk at bedtime.

Past Tense: gave

The woman gave me a ride to class.

He gave a message to her.

They gave me a shirt.

Notice there are two ways to say the same thing:

He gave a message to her. OR He gave her a message.

I give gifts to him. I give him gifts.

Practice making sentences both ways with the words given.

(We/gave/gifts/him) _____

(She/gives/money/her) _____

(I/gave/clothes/them) _____

Common sentences with “give”:

Give me a call.

Give Lu my number.

Please give a message to your boss.

Give me some advice.

Please give me directions to class.

Did you give the book to her?

Give it a try.

Common phrasal verbs with “give”

give back: return Examples: Give back the book you took. Give it back. Give me back my bicycle.

give a hand: help Examples: Give me a hand with this box. Give her a hand with the cleaning.

give up: quit Examples: Don't give up! She gave up the English classes.

Conversations with “give”. Read the conversations. Answer the questions in sentences.

Jill: Today is Jim's birthday.

Joe: Will you give him a present?

Jill: I gave him a present this morning.

Joe: I will give him a present tonight.

1. Is it Jill's birthday?

2. Did Jill give Jim a present?

3. When will Joe give Jim a present?

Amy: Mother gave me money for lunch.

Jane: My mother gave me a lunch. She did not give me money.

Amy: I like to buy my lunch. Mother always gives me money.

Jane: I like to buy my lunch too. But Mother always makes my lunch. She never gives me money.

1. What did Amy's mother give her?

2. What did Jane's mother give her?

3. What does Amy like?

4. Does Jane's mother give her money?

Ann: This box is heavy. Please give me some help.

Dan: I will give you a hand.

Ann: Thank you for helping. I will give you a cold drink.

Dan: That is nice. Thanks.

1. Why did Ann need help?

2. Who helped Ann?

3. What did Ann give Dan?

Lisa: Tony gave Beth some candy.

Ben: Tony likes Beth. He always gives her presents.

Lisa: Beth gave some of the candy to me. I ate it. It was good. I like candy

Ben: Give me some! I love candy.

1. Why did Tony give Beth candy?

2. Who did Beth give some candy to?

3. Does Ben want candy?

TALK TIME (Teachers lead the discussion. Encourage conversation, not simple answers.)

1. When is your birthday? Will you get presents on your birthday?

2. What did you give your husband/wife for her birthday?

3. What did you give your children for their birthday?

4. Do you give tips to a waiter?

5. What food should you give up?

6. Do you give money to your children?

7. What time of the year do you give presents to people?

8. Do you think Americans give their children too much?